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Brazil protests ramp up, Rousseff cancels Japan trip

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - Brazilians took to the streets again Thursday in several cities on a new day of mass nationwide protests, demanding better public services and bemoaning massive spending to stage the World Cup.

The mounting pressure on the government of President Dilma Rousseff in the face of the biggest street protests the South American country has seen in 20 years prompted her to cancel a trip to Japan planned for later this month.

More than one million people have pledged via social media networks to march in 80 cities across the country on Thursday, as the two-week-old protest movement showed no sign of abating.

Anger about a hike in public transport fares has spiralled into a wider movement demanding an end to govern-

ment corruption -- one fueled by resentment over the \$15 billion cost of staging the Confederations Cup and the World Cup.

In the heart of Salvador, the capital of Bahia state, thousands of protesters -- mostly students -- massed on Campo Grande square in a carnival atmosphere ahead of a Confederations Cup match pitting Uruguay against Nigeria.

As the protests heated up, Rousseff's office announced that she would not travel to Japan on June 26-28 as planned for talks with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

"She has ultimately decided to postpone this trip, which would have involved several days of travel. She has decided to stay in Brazil due to current events," a source in her office told AFP.

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Mrs. Lorraine Perri celebrates her Golden Anniversary of 50 consecutive visits to Aruba



Aruba, 1981: The year they bought their Timeshare

Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the pleasure of honoring Mrs. Lorraine Perri who is celebrating this year her 50th consecutive years of visiting Aruba. Mrs. Lorraine Perri is married to Mr. Ron Perri who also visited Aruba for 47 consecutive years.

The celebration took place at the Costa Linda Beach Resort in the company of honorable members of parliament Mrs. Clarisca Velasquez and Mr. Chris Dammers President of the Tourism Committee of the Aruban Parliament. Together with Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority and friends and family members, the Perri family celebrated this special event sharing their fond memories of Aruba.

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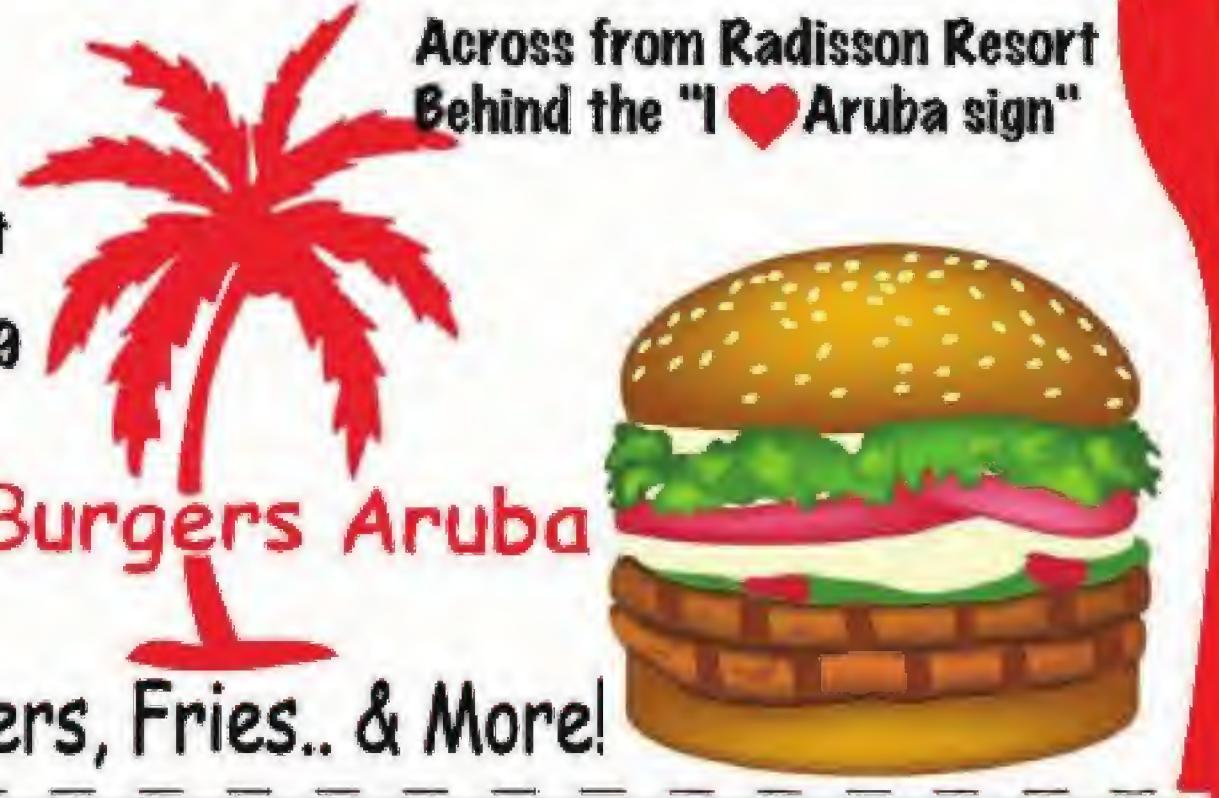

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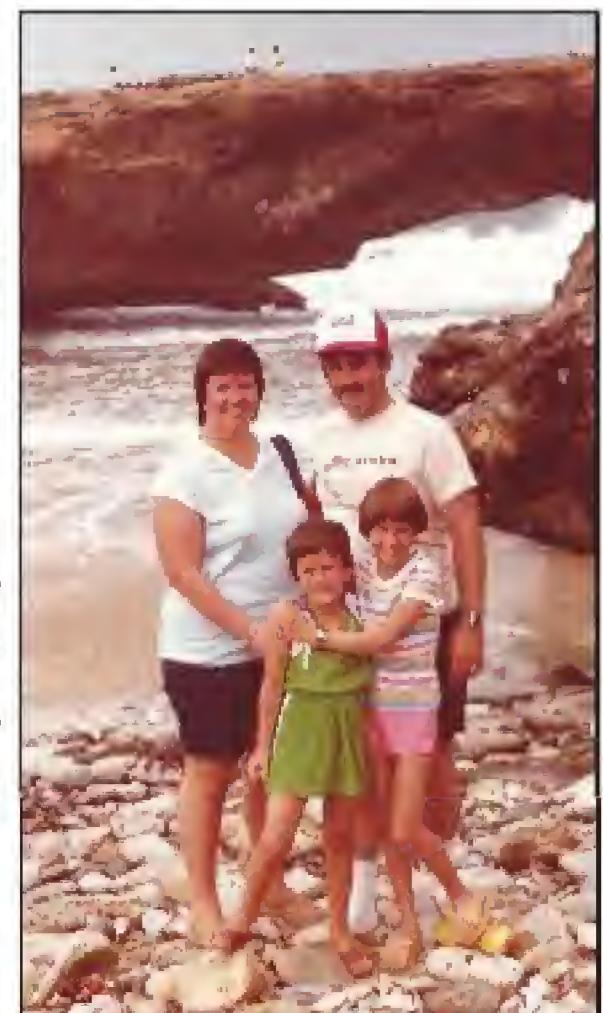
lasagna ever". Nowadays the Playa Linda Beach Resort is at this location. She also stayed at the Caribbean Hotel -now the Radisson Resort, as

well as other hotels. Because of their yearly visits, the Perri family decided to buy a timeshare at the Aruba Beach Club and at the Costa Linda

Beach Resort.

Mrs. Perri wrote her own book of memories from her visits to Aruba with pictures of all her so called 'brothers and sisters' in Aruba and all the other family members and friends she came with from the USA to visit Aruba. Hopefully Mrs. Perri will publish this book of memoirs someday in which she shares many stories and pictures of our beautiful island over the 50 years that she has been visiting us.

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It was an elegant introduction to announce that Super Food Plaza will now be the exclusive carrier of Certified Angus Beef (CAB), established in 1978, the innovators in the production and distribution of this exceptionally fine quality meat. "Do not confuse other companies that



Beef Expert Woody Ham shows the Weber Gas Grill up for grabs!

use the name "Angus Beef" with Certified Angus Beef," explained visiting U.S. beef



Chef Bram Verleg and shows Rudy how it is done

Service Desk.

A stop by the meat department demonstrated that Certified Angus Beef cuts are available not only in the pricier steaks, but "cuts that hit all the price points, such as the more moderately priced flank steak," explained Ms. Ham. Stew meat, and a rare item on Aruba, first cut brisket, are among the selection.

"Certified Angus Beef brand is a rarified quality of the finest meat obtainable," she explained, "known for its consistency in flavor and texture. Only 25% of the stock is of a quality even considered to be used by CAB, and among those, only one in four steers "makes the cut." Other brands usually get the ones that Certified Angus Beef does not find up to speck."

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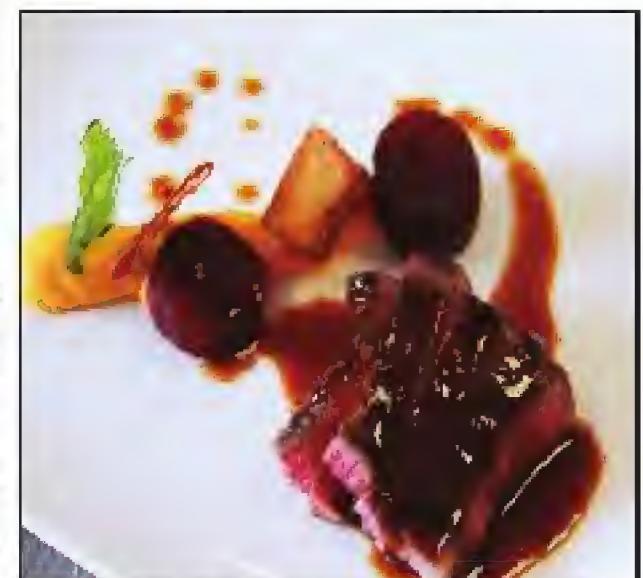
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By Rosalie Klein



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Three schools are big winners in SETAR's recycled phone card art contest



Recently, SETAR N.V. executives handed over the winning prizes to representatives of the schools that took part in SETAR's latest program to raise awareness about the environment and recycling. Three schools are the big winners by submitting art

projects made completely with used prepaid telephone cards. During the past year, students collected the phone cards, which contributed to keeping the island free of the disregarded cards. After collecting enough, the students then used the card to create

innovative artworks. The theme: SETAR's 10 years as an N.V. (Limited Liability Company). Not only did this encourage awareness for protecting the environment, but stimulated the youngsters' imagination and creativity.

On June 7, the participating schools submitted their artworks to the judges during a gala opening event hosted by SETAR N.V. - The jury admits they had to make some tough choices as the pieces were quite beautiful, with impressive details. After deliberating for a few days, three schools were selected as winners.

The 1st prize, AFls 5,000 in school material, went to St. Anna School. The prize was handed over to Mrs. Lauren Kelly (teacher) by SETAR N.V. Marketing Manager Shahaira Labad.

The 2nd prize, AFls 3,000 in school material, went to St. Paulus School; the prize was handed over to Marushika Cornelie by Corporate Communications Executive Maurice Kelly.

The 3rd prize, AFls 2,000 in school materials, was accepted by Haseth Roos, representing the Maria Goretti School, who received it from Mrs. Dalila Boye of the Fundacion Gabriel Flores.

The total prize money of AFls. 10,000 awarded was symbolic of the 10 years of SETAR as an N.V.

St. Anna School's artwork is a working chandelier made of recycled cards that were cut into special designs, completely with holes and light effects. The artwork of St. Paulus School is a Kwihi tree made with cards of different colors, and that of Maria Goretti School is the SETAR logo depicted in 3D, cleverly deploying cards of several colors.

SETAR N.V. thanks all the students who participated, and their teachers and parents for helping them in making this project so successful.

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Dedicated to Zaithyel Soekandar Get ready to join Paseo Herencia's Bike Tour Ride this Sunday!

Paseo Herencia is inviting everyone to come and join their 2nd Bike Tour this Sunday June 23rd.

The Bike Tour will be dedicated to Zaithyel Soekandar who excelled in the sport of BMX internationally.

The tour is scheduled to begin 5 p.m. leaving the Paseo Herencia parking garage and ends at La Cabana about 7 p.m.

This will be followed by a ceremony in honor of Zaithyel Soekandar, where his name will be added to Paseo Herencia's famous Wall of Fame joining the other youngsters who also

excelled in their sport.

Paseo Herencia wishes to thank the sponsors which are Seven Seas, Ensure, Rough Riders and CMB.

All participants are requested to be present early with their bike so they can register at 4:30 p.m. and participate to win great prizes.

Registration is only AFls. 5,- per person, which will go towards helping Zaithyel with his expenses for his upcoming World Championship in the US.

So, everyone is invited to come out and support Zaithyel, another Aruban World Champion, while at the same time having a fun evening.

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Dr. Horacio E. Oduber Hospital cordially all to an Open House today at the Oncology Polyclinic

The Dr. Horacio Oduber Oncology Polyclinic personnel invite the entire community to attend an Open House this today, June 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

During the Open House attendees will receive valuable information regarding the work done at the polyclinic. Services offered include support therapy, chemotherapy wound inspection and much more.

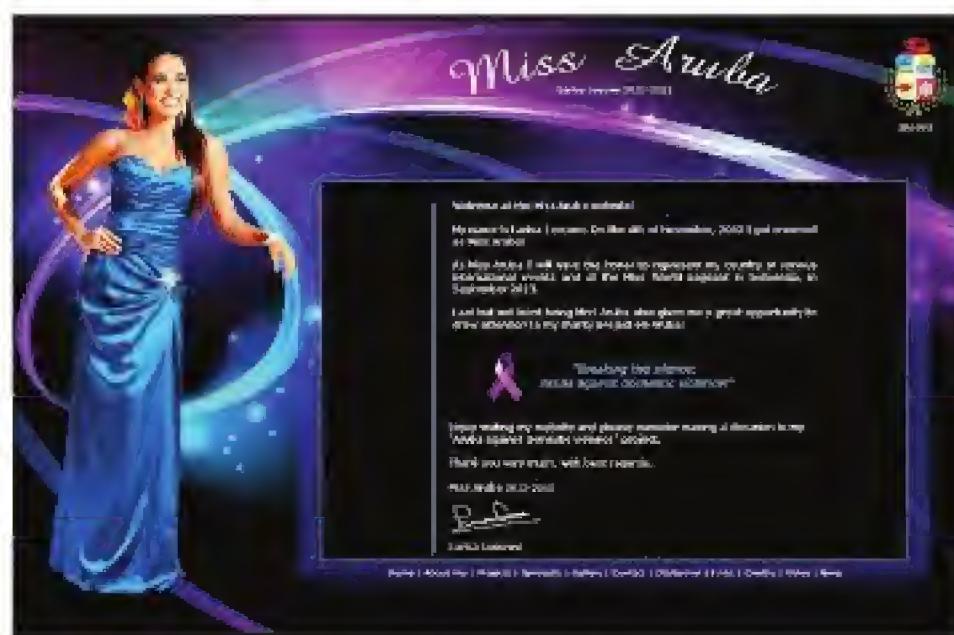
Personnel of the Oncology Clinic advise this will be a very informative day for everyone,

but particularly for EPI students in the Unit Health & Service, who are considering careers in the field.

The staff especially hope to see their colleagues at the Dr. Horacio Oduber Hospital colleagues stop by, who are very interested to know more about what is being done at the Polyclinic.

Come and have a chat with the nurses and specialists working there and get to know more about the services rendered; but keep in mind, however, the patients always comes first.

Miss Aruba 2012-2013 launches her website to raise funds for local foundations



I, Larisa Leeuwe, have the honor and pleasure to present the launch of my official Miss Aruba 2012-2013 website dedicated to my project "Aruba Against Domestic Violence". After a few months of organizing fundraising events and creating awareness about the problem of domestic violence in our community, and especially amongst our youth, I realized that it was time to take the project to the next level. It occurred to me that since domestic violence is a worldwide problem, I wanted Aruba to become a role model for other countries. It was time to start using the internet as a tool to raise funds and create awareness on a much bigger scale. Therefore I decided to have a website designed, with the focus on Domestic Violence, and the possibility to get information about the 4 local foundations that aim to create awareness and help the victims of domestic violence on Aruba. Mr. Op de Laak from the Netherlands agreed to sponsor my project, and I would like to express my gratitude towards him for designing such a beautiful website. I would like to invite people of all ages from my beautiful island Aruba and around the world to visit my website www.missaruba2013.com. On the page "Foundations" it is possible to make a donation directly to one of the following foundations: Hende Muher den Dificultad (Women in Difficulty), Respeta Mi (Respect Me), Casa Cuna Progreso (Foster Home Progress) and Guia Mi (Guide Me). Each foundation has a separate page that explains the incredible work they have been doing for many years, and at the bottom of the page their bank info, for the purpose of making a donation. On my website you can also follow my future projects and preparation for the Miss World 2013 pageant in September, in Indonesia. In the name of the victims of domestic violence I would like to thank these foundations for their dedication and hard work, and I would like to finalize with a quote of Mr. Nelson Mandela "Safety and security don't just happen, they are the result of collective consensus and public investment. We owe our children, the most vulnerable citizens in our society, a life free of violence and fear".

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De Palm Tours supports Family First Foundation

For over fifty years de Palm Tours has been successfully serving Aruba's tourism industry. In that time the company has also supported the local community in various ways, be it fundraising, coastal cleanups, sponsoring buses and vessels, etc.

Late last year the owners of de Palm felt it was time the company put their support behind a charity or organization that tied in well with the what De Palm stood for. "There are many organizations in Aruba that do very good work so the choices were numerous, but at the end of the day, the folks from Family First did a presentation that impressed us with what we were looking to support," says Warren Stanley General Manager of De Palm Tours. Family First was founded to help and guide families in need. Ricky Malmberg, CEO of De Palm Tours explains: "We are a family company so our support of Family First ties in well with our core values. Approximately 70% of businesses on the island are family owned so a healthy family is a healthy economy. De Palm has committed to an amount of Afl. 100,000 annually to support the financial operations of the foundation as well as provide assistance



using our other resources such as buses, know-how, etc to help with their fundraising".

The foundation has a center in Savaneta where much of the work is done and where families in need can come for assistance. This center serves as an intermediary between the person or family that might not know the way to get through to a certain institution with their specific problem. Family First wants to guide the person or family so that at the end of the route, this family is better able to take care of itself. Family First's research led to the decision to focus on Savaneta for now where the need is greatest. However the intention is to open centers in other districts around the island.

Over the past six months Family First has worked hard to launch the foundation and

in addition to the assistance of de Palm other companies have also been generous with their assistance: Fantastic Gardens, Delta Blue, Caribmedia, Robertson Fire Protection, Setar NV, Divi Impact, Cede Aruba, Franco Sneek and Kiwanis Young Professionals. "We are very appreciative and grateful to all these companies for their generous support and especially De Palm Tours and the Malmberg Family for their extensive support of the foundation," says Ms. Jenny Lion Sjin Tjoe, Managing Director of the foundation.

Although the center is currently running and serving the community, the official opening will take place in August. For more information please call Family First at 584-2555, Savaneta 334 (in front of the Olympic Pool).



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Jury selected in trial of US black teen's shooter

MIAMI (AFP) - A jury of six women was selected Thursday for the trial of George Zimmerman, the US neighborhood watchman who shot dead unarmed black teen Trayvon Martin in an incident that set off racial tensions.

Zimmerman has pleaded not guilty to charges of second degree murder over the February 26, 2012 shooting, saying he shot Martin in self-defense after the teen wrestled him to the ground and pounded his head against the sidewalk.

An initial decision by Florida investigators not to press charges in the case set off widespread outrage, with Martin's supporters alleging racism and pointing to the fact that the teenager was unarmed

and had no criminal record.

The incident was widely covered by the national media, and also ignited debate over the state's controversial "Stand Your Ground" law, which allows the use of firearms in self-defense even when it is possible to flee.

The six jurors -- five white women and one black woman -- were selected over the course of a nine-day process of winnowing down a list of hundreds of potential candidates.

Attorneys selected another four people to act as substitute jurors.

Opening arguments will be given Monday, with the trial expected to last up to six weeks.

Brazil protests ramp up, Rousseff cancels Japan trip

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On Wednesday, the protesters scored a major victory when authorities in Sao Paulo and Rio, Brazil's two biggest cities, canceled controversial transit fare hikes, but that was not enough to placate the demonstrators.

Protesters say they want higher funding for education and health and a cut in salaries of public officials. They are also railing against what they viewed as rampant corruption within the political class.

The demonstrations in the

country of 194 million people -- the world's seventh largest economy -- have sometimes turned violent.

Late Wednesday, riot police fired tear gas to break up a mob of several hundred that tried to block a 15-kilometer (10-mile) bridge across Guanabara Bay that links Rio with the nearby city of Niteroi.

The mob, which had earlier ransacked a bank branch, knocked over a bus, and then built barricades with debris and set them on fire.

US doubles aid to world's burgeoning refugees

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States on Thursday doubled its aid to the UN refugee organization to some \$390 million, as officials said every four seconds another person flees home to escape war and strife.

"We blink our eyes 15 times every minute, so every time you blink there is one more new person forced to flee," said UN High Commissioner for Refugees Antonio Guterres, adding it showed "how dramatic the displacement problem is."

The world is now struggling with more refugees and displaced people than at any time since the 1994 Rwandan genocide, he told an event to mark World Refugee Day hosted by the US State Department.

Most of those refugees are streaming out of Syria, where rebels are battling to oust President Bashar al-Assad in a conflict now in its third year. Some 1.6 million Syrians have fled, and over four million are internally displaced.



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US lawmakers reach key accord on border security

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US senators on Thursday agreed to double the number of police patrolling the border with Mexico, a key compromise which paves the way for the successful passage of landmark immigration reform.

The reforms under debate would provide a pathway to citizenship for the 11 million undocumented immigrants in the country, reduce unlawful entries and revise guest worker programs for agriculture and high-tech industries.

Immigration is a priority for President Barack Obama's second term but the overhaul had been put in jeopardy after Republicans demanded tougher border security as a precondition to curb future arrivals of undocumented migrants.

Thursday's agreement,

which came in the form of an amendment expected to pass with ease, establishes five criteria before any permanent regularization of undocumented migrants.

The most expensive

change provides for the hiring of an additional 20,000 police officers to monitor the border with Mexico to supplement the 20,000 officers already in place on the frontier.

Tropical Storm Barry makes landfall in Mexico

VERACRUZ (AFP) - The second tropical storm of the Atlantic hurricane season, Barry, made landfall Thursday near the city of Veracruz, Mexico, bringing heavy rains and dangerous flash floods.

The US National Hurricane Center in Miami said that at 1500 GMT, Barry was located about 65 kilometers (40 miles) northwest of Veracruz and moving westward at about seven kilometers per hour.

The storm, packing maximum sustained winds of 65 kilometers per hour, was expected to move inland over southern Mexico during the day.

Rainfall totals of as much as 25 centimeters (10 inches) were expected before Barry dissipates late Thursday, forecasters said.



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International News

US does not rule out talks on Taliban prisoner swap

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States is not ruling out discussions with the Taliban on a prisoner swap as it works to bring home the only US soldier held captive by the militants, a US official said Thursday.

As Washington works to schedule talks with the Taliban, there is a recognition that the Islamist militia will likely want to discuss the release of senior operatives held in the US military jail in Guantanamo Bay.

"We have not made a decision to transfer any Taliban detainees from Guantanamo Bay, though we anticipate, as I've said, that the Taliban will all raise this issue," State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki told reporters.

She stressed that winning the release of US soldier Bowe Bergdahl, captured on June 30, 2009 by the Taliban, was "a priority" for the United States.

"We'll talk with the Taliban ... about the safe return of Sergeant Bergdahl. He's been gone far too long," Psaki said.

"We continue to call for and work towards his safe and immediate release."

But she stressed no date or venue had yet been set for the direct US-Taliban talks, after a dispute over the naming of the Taliban's new office in Qatar appeared to have scuppered initial plans to meet this week.

Special representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan James Dobbins, who will lead the talks, is still ready to go to the region, Psaki said.

She implied Dobbins could fly with US Secretary of State John Kerry, who is heading to

Qatar on Friday. Psaki emphatically ruled out, however, that Kerry himself would meet with the Taliban.

Bergdahl was captured in Afghanistan on June 30, 2009. He said in a video that he was captured when he fell behind his unit during a patrol.

Although the process of talking with the Taliban has not even started yet, Psaki stressed that the administration would "work closely with Congress in coordinating these decisions as well."

The Pentagon would also have to be notified and consulted if there were any plans to release Guantanamo prisoners. Up to 17 Taliban militants are believed to be held at Guantanamo, although only five or six are thought to be a focus of the Taliban's proposed prisoner swap.

Belgium moves closer to euthanasia for minors

BRUSSELS (AFP) - Belgian lawmakers on Thursday moved closer to legalising the euthanasia of minors, so long as they are judged capable of deciding for themselves.

Four senators from parties in the governing coalition formally put forward changes to a 2002 law that made Belgium the second country in the world after The Netherlands to legalise mercy killing in certain cases.

Their parties said they would back the changes and parliament is likely to approve them in coming months.

Euthanasia is currently legal only for those aged 18 but experts have told parliament that in practice euthanasia on children was already taking place, without any set guidelines.

Changes to the law were submitted for debate in parliament in December and legislators have been discussing them there since February.

Discussions have centred on the minimum age should the law be changed, and senators

on Thursday settled on a young person's "capacity to discern", which would be assessed by a psychiatrist.

The proposals have the support of the four senators' parties although they will be opposed by two of the other parties in the senate majority - the Christian Democrat, Flemish speaking CD&V and the centrist but Christian-inspired Francophone CDH.

They are then expected to win a parliamentary majority in the following months with several parties saying they

would back them.

A separate issue of whether to extend the law to those suffering from a mental deficiency remains unresolved.

Belgium recorded a record 1,432 cases of euthanasia in 2012, up 25 percent from the previous year. They represented two percent of all deaths.

There are strict conditions governing the act including that patients must be capable, conscious and have to give a "voluntary, considered and repeated" request to die.

Mortar round from Syria hits Israeli-occupied Golan

JERUSALEM (AFP) - A mortar round from Syria exploded in the Israeli-occupied sector of the Golan Heights plateau on Thursday, the military said.

A military spokeswoman said that the blast was "apparently linked to the internal situation in Syria" in an indication the army viewed it as stray fire and not intentionally directed at Israel.

Later Thursday, a military spokeswoman told AFP that a male Syrian who had reached the border was rushed to an Israeli hospital.

The Golan has been tense since the beginning of the conflict in Syria more than two years ago, but so far there have only been minor flare-ups as Syrian small arms fire or mortar rounds hit the Israeli side, prompting an occasional Israeli response.

Israel, which is technically at war with Syria, seized 1,200 square kilometres (460 square miles) of the strategic plateau during the 1967 Six-Day War, which it later annexed in a move never recognised by the international community.



BOGOTA (AFP) Gay couples speak with the press before filling documents at the court in Bogota, Colombia yesterday, to apply for the registration of their marriage. From today Colombia will enter into a legal puzzle on gay marriage, as gay couples will go to notaries and judged without knowing if they will come out with the document as desired, given the legal vacuum that persists for such unions.



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One woman in three a victim of domestic violence: WHO



GENEVA (AFP) - More than one woman in three around the globe is a victim of domestic violence, with those in Asia and the Middle East most-affected by the scourge, the World Health Organization said.

In what it billed as the first-ever systematic study of global data on the prevalence of violence against women and its health impact, the UN agency said 30 percent worldwide faced such abuse at the hands of their partners.

"These to me are shocking statistics," said Flavia Bustreo, head of the WHO's family, women's and children's health division.

"It's also shocking that this phenomenon cuts across the entire world," she told reporters.

The WHO blamed taboos that prevent victims from coming forward, failings in medical and justice systems, and norms that mean men and women may see violence as acceptable.

The findings were extrapolated from figures provided by 81 countries which maintain data, and did not single out individual nations.

The scale of abuse was highest in Asia, where data from Bangladesh, East Timor, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Thailand showed that 37.7 percent of women were affected.

Next was the Middle East, where prevalence averaged at 37 percent. Sub-Saharan Africa followed, with 36.6 percent.

An average of 23.2 percent were affected in a group of high-income countries including North America, the European Union, Japan,

South Korea, Australia and New Zealand.

"These data really show the tremendous toll violence has on the health of women," said Claudia Garcia-Moreno, a WHO specialist on gender, reproductive rights, sexual health and adolescence.

Underlining the impact of such abuse, the WHO said that globally, 38 percent of female murder victims were killed by their partners.

In addition, it said, violence also leaves scars long after bruises disappear and broken bones heal.

Women with a violent partner were twice as likely to suffer from depression and develop an alcohol problem, compared to women who did not experience abuse.

Victims of violence were also found to be far more likely to contract a range of sexually-transmitted diseases, from syphilis to HIV.

The study also flagged the higher likelihood of abused women having an unwanted pregnancy, an abortion, or an underweight baby -- and their children were more likely to become abusers or victims in adulthood.



Philippines financial district bans plastic bags

MANILA (AFP) - The Philippines financial capital banned disposable plastic shopping bags and styrofoam food containers Thursday, as part of escalating efforts across the nation's capital to curb rubbish blamed for deadly flooding.

After a widespread publicity campaign leading up to the ban, Makati city environment protection officers began handing out fines of 5,000 pesos (\$115) to shops and supermarkets caught distributing the bags.

Rowena Rosario, who sells hot meals at a sidewalk stall, often packed in plastic bags, said the city ordinance was making life difficult.

"Most of my orders are take-out. Now, I have to use paper bags but what if the food has a lot of sauce? No one is going to bring plates here," she said glumly.

There is strong resistance to the ban, particularly amongst the poor, said Xenelit Camarce, one of the ban enforcers who spoke to AFP after inspecting a public market.

While Makati, one of 17 cities or districts that make up Metro Manila, still allows food to be wrapped in plastic, it has banned the bags that shops and restaurants traditionally issue for free.

Styrofoam food containers and plastic cups are also banned.

Consumers are given the option of paper alternatives or not using any bags, with supermarkets encouraging shoppers to bring their own.

Tow-truck crew member John Regalio shrugged with resignation as he bought juice drinks poured into paper cups instead of inside sealed small plastic bags, the preferred local way of serving beverages to customers on the go.

Makati is home to many of the country's foreign embassies, biggest corporations and banks, swankiest shopping malls and about 2,900 restaurants.

Although its official population is just over 600,000, this swells to about 3.7 million in the daytime when thousands of commuters travel to the area to work, city officials said.

Makati became the ninth out of the 17 areas to issue the plastics ban, meaning 6.7 million of Metro Manila's population of 13 million people are covered by the restrictions.

Prexy Macana, project officer of Makati's environmental services department, said cutting down on plastic was vital to stop the clogging of the city's waterways, which is widely blamed for contributing to floods.





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Sci-Tech**Facebook unveils video for Instagram**

Menlo Park, Calif. - Facebook Inc. (Nasdaq: FB) used its Thursday mystery event to announce video for Instagram. Instagram users will now be able to record up to 15 seconds of video (videos will not loop) and share them using the existing interface. There will be 13 filters to apply to the Instagram videos, and a "Cinema" feature to stabilize videos.

Many expected that video for Instagram would be a

more direct competitor to the Vine app by Twitter, which allows users to take six-second videos that infinitely loop. The looping feature has led to some of the more creative uses of Instagram react.

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg introduced Kevin Systrom, CEO of the subsidiary Instagram. Systrom said that since Instagram launched in 2010, more than 16 billion photos have been shared on the network,

and 130 million active Instagram users now record more than 1 billion "likes" daily. Instagram still looks the same, but now there is a video button in the lower right. In video mode there is a capture button, and holding it down will record frames of video, just like Vine, for a minimum of three seconds and a maximum of 15. Within those 15 seconds, there is no limit to the amount of frames a user can record.

Scientists make detailed 3-D map of human brain

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A deceased 65-year-old woman has provided scientists with the material for the first super high resolution three-dimensional digital model of the human brain.

The roadmap of the mind was painstakingly created by scientists in Germany and Canada and is 50 times more detailed than the last attempt, containing 100,000 times more data than a typical MRI, they said.

The 3-D map, described in the US journal Science, aims to offer a new perspective for scientists who want to study everything from Alzheimer's to Parkinson's disease and other disorders.

Known as BigBrain, it is "the first ever brain model in 3-D which really presents a realistic human brain with all the cells and all the structures of a human brain," said senior author Karl Zilles, professor at the Jülich Aachen Research Alliance in Germany.

The project is the first to create such advanced imagery. Other brain mapping initiatives have been launched by the United States and China.

Apple: proof of antitrust conspiracy weak



NEW YORK (AFP) - Evidence is lacking of an Apple conspiracy with publishers to raise the price of e-books, Apple's lawyer said in closing remarks Thursday in a federal antitrust trial.

"The government has overreached," said attorney Orin Snyder said at the federal court trial in New York. "Any fair consideration leads to one conclusion: Apple acted lawfully and did not violate the antitrust laws."

Snyder described the intense six-week period during which Apple introduced itself to the publishing world, then negotiated a series of contracts with five major publishers that remade the online book industry.

The government contends that Apple conspired with the publishers to change the e-book selling model in early 2010. At the time, the industry was run on a "wholesale" model dominated by Amazon, which set bestsellers at \$9.99.

Apple shifted the system to an agency model that guaranteed Apple a 30 percent commission, let publishers set prices and priced most best-sellers at \$12.99 and \$14.99. As Apple was finalizing its deals, publishers successfully pressured Amazon to accept the agency model and higher prices.

The government alleges Apple was the "ringleader" of a conspiracy that organized the industry against Amazon in a way that cost consumers hundreds of millions of dollars.

But Snyder accused the government of "taking benign commercial conduct and turning it into the seeds of a conspiracy."

The government has contended that Apple began plotting higher prices in late 2009 with conversations with publishers on the agency model. But these conversations were early brainstorming sessions, not a meeting of the minds on a way to remake the industry, Snyder said.

The case is being closely watched by the business sector, Snyder said.

A ruling against Apple "would have a chilling and confounding effect" on content companies looking to enter new technology businesses, Snyder said.

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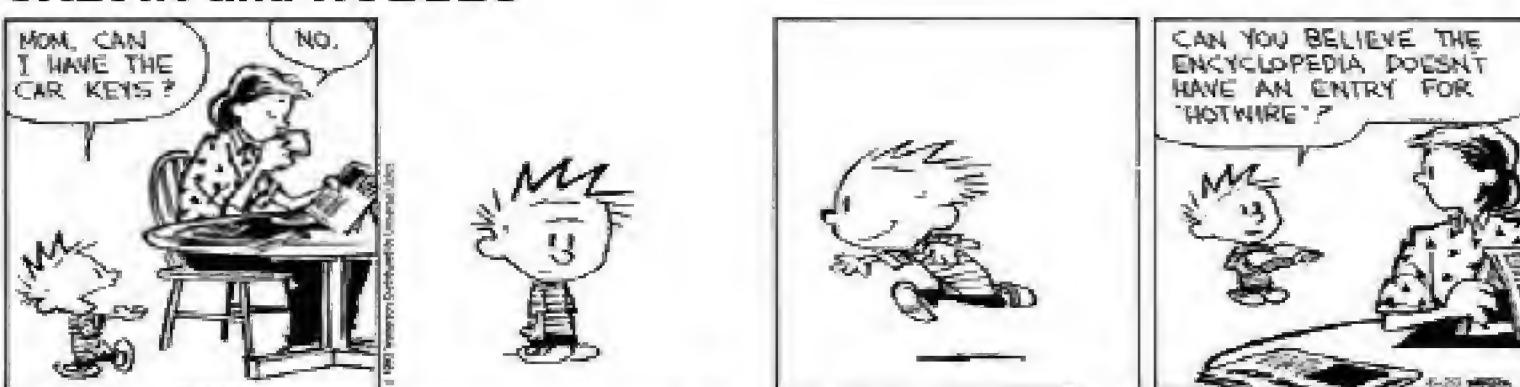
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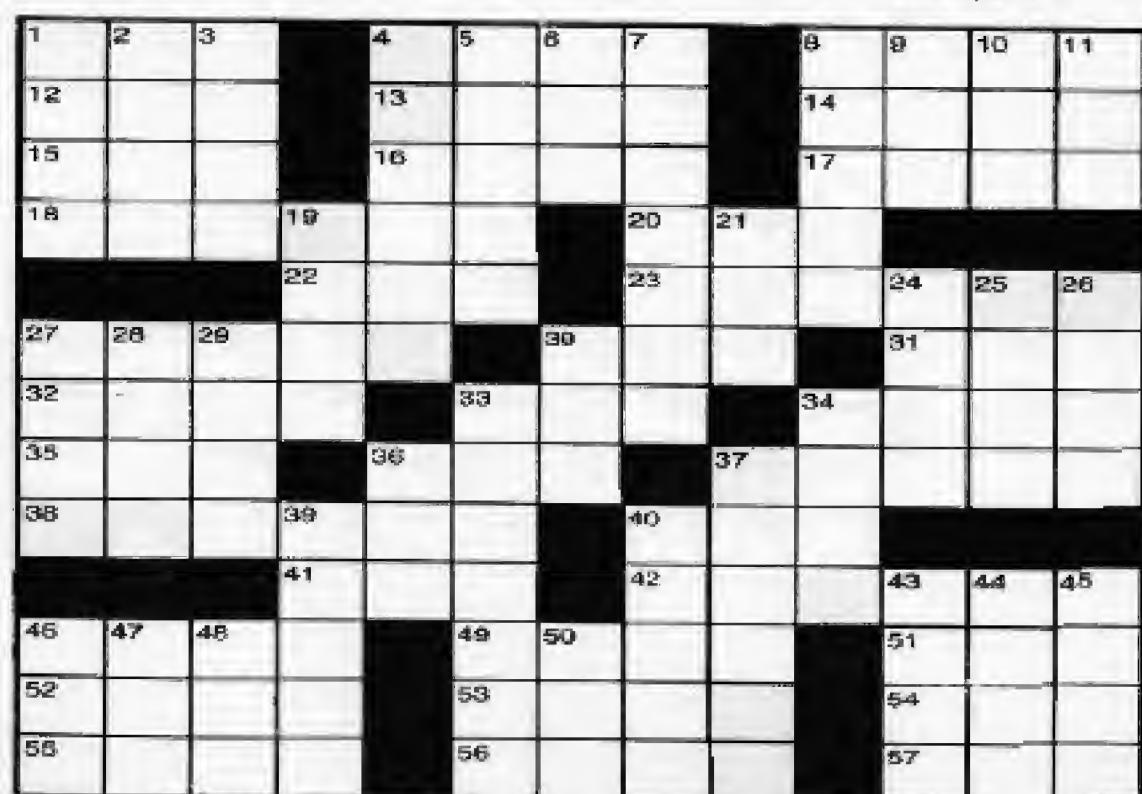
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US stocks plunge more than 2% on Fed, China worries

NEW YORK (AFP) - US stocks plunged on Thursday, continuing a global markets rout spurred by the Federal Reserve's plans to cut stimulus and more bad news in China's manufacturing and banking sectors.

At the closing bell, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 353.87 points (2.34 percent) at 14,758.32.

The broad-based S&P 500 fell 40.74 (2.50 percent) to 1,588.19, while the tech-rich Nasdaq Composite tumbled 78.57 (2.28 percent) to 3,364.63.

The US fall followed large drops in Asian and European markets, sparked first by Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke's statement Wednesday that the US central bank could wind up its \$85 billion-a-month stimulus program by mid-2014.

Added to that was HSBC's

report of a worsening slowdown in Chinese manufacturing, based on its June purchasing managers index, and analysts pointed to a credit crunch in the banking sector as the Chinese central bank tightens the spigot of funding to over-extended lenders.

Shanghai's market fell 2.8 percent and Hong Kong 2.9 percent. In Europe, the main markets lost 3.0 percent or more, with the Euro STOXX 50 index down 3.6 percent.

Russia, China reach \$60 bn oil supply deal: Putin

SAINST-PETERSBURG (AFP) - Moscow and Beijing have reached agreement on a \$60 billion contract to ramp up Russian oil supplies to China, part of the two countries' strategy to tighten their energy partnership. Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Thursday.

"A contract with Rosneft company has been prepared which is large-scale and unprecedented without any exaggeration," Putin told Chinese Vice Premier Zhang Gaoli at a meeting in Saint Petersburg, estimating the value of the deal at more than \$60 billion.

In his comments open to the media, Putin did not say when the firm contract would

EU-US trade talks won't exclude film, culture: US envoy

BRUSSELS (AFP) - The US ambassador to the European Union insisted Thursday that Europe's film and cultural industry will not be totally excluded from upcoming talks on striking the world's biggest free trade deal.

William Kennard also said it would be "not appropriate" to fold financial services into negotiations between the United States and the European Union, which currently have the world's largest economic relationship -- worth some four trillion dollars in investment and trade.

"No one is saying that you can't talk about audiovisual," Kennard told a group of journalists after EU nations last week agreed initially to keep

the audiovisual sector off the table in response to French demands to protect them from Hollywood.

But the negotiating mandate given to the EU executive, the European Commission, does not preclude talks about the sector at a later stage -- on condition that the Commission first obtain agreement from member states.

It "is not completely accurate to say that it is a complete carve-out, it is more of a constraint and a caveat," Kennard said. "We don't think we should come to the table with carve-outs," the ambassador said just days after the formal launch of the trade talks on the sidelines of this week's G8 summit in Ireland.

Turning to financial services, Kennard said it was not necessary to include them in the talks due to begin in Washington next month as the two sides already had a separate track for dealing with the issue.

"They have made a fair amount of progress," he said. "Hopefully the financial regulatory issues will be resolved before the TTIP," referring to the formal name of trade deal, the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership.

"That is one reason we did not think it was not appropriate to fold all those issues into the TTIP," he added.

Acknowledging there was a gamut of prickly issues to overcome -- agricultural, data privacy, transportation to name but a few -- Kennard said the negotiators would have to create a framework enabling regulators to work through problems in a way that protected consumers while improving transatlantic compatibility.

In airline safety, US regulators had already recognised the EU's high standards and mutual recognition lead to huge savings. "We need to replicate this across many other regulatory areas," he said.

"We believe we have a historic opportunity because given many of the changes in the global economy, we are at a moment in our relationship with the EU in which there is more incentive to cooperate than compete."

He regretted that many critics of the EU-US talks focused on the exchange of data because of European concerns over privacy but said the issue was not likely to dominate the negotiation.

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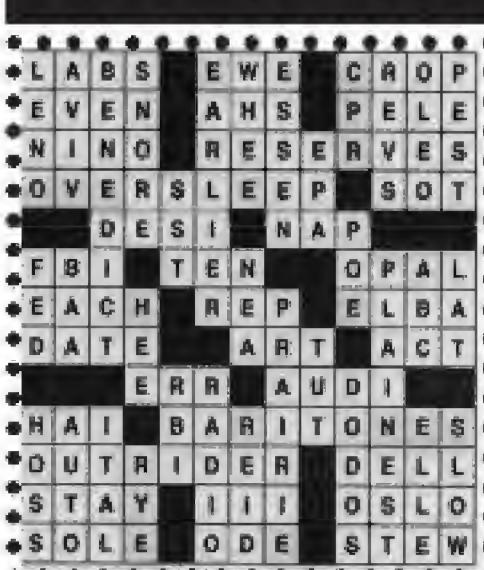
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"Sopranos" star died of heart attack



ROME (AFP) - "Sopranos" star James Gandolfini died of a heart attack in Rome despite medics battling for 20 minutes to save him, an Italian doctor said Thursday, as tributes pour in for the award-winning US actor.

The New Jersey-born actor, who shot to fame with his portrayal of an emotionally vulnerable mafia boss, had been staying at the Hotel Exedra in the centre of Rome when he fell ill late Wednesday and was rushed to hospital.

Claudio Modini, ER head at the Umberto I hospital, told AFP Gandolfini was in cardiac arrest when he was rushed in at 10:40 pm (2040 GMT).

"He was already dead. After 20 minutes of CPR, time of death was declared at 23:00," he said. An autopsy is due to be carried out on the actor, whose body is being held in the hospital's morgue.

Gandolfini, who won three Emmys and a Golden Globe for his depiction of troubled mob boss Tony Soprano on the popular cable TV series,

was in Italy for the Taormina Film Fest in Sicily.

He was to have been given an award by the country's oldest festival, before participating in a roundtable discussion this weekend.

Edie Falco, the on-screen "Sopranos" wife of Gandolfini, paid tribute to her late co-star, saying their on-screen relationship was "one of the greatest" she had ever known.

"I am shocked and devastated by Jim's passing. He was a man of tremendous depth and sensitivity, with a kindness and generosity beyond words," she said in a statement.

"I consider myself very lucky to have spent 10 years as his close colleague. My heart goes out to his family, as those of us in his pretend one hold on to the memories of our intense and beautiful time together."

"The love between Tony and Carmela was one of the greatest I've ever known," she added.

The 51-year-old Gandolfini had stopped off in

Rome en route to the festival and had spent Wednesday sightseeing with his teenage son Michael, before collapsing in the hotel bathroom, local media reports said.

ANSA news agency said Gandolfini had been seen chatting and smiling as he signed autographs in the morning, and had dined in the hotel in the evening with his son and sister.

It was Michael who had called for help when his father failed to respond, TM-News said.

"At around 22:00 Mr. James Gandolfini, on holiday in Rome and a guest in the hotel Exedra, fell ill while he was in his room. The family contacted staff" who called an ambulance, the hotel said.

HBO, the cable TV channel on which "The Sopranos" aired, issued a statement saying: "We're all in shock and feeling immeasurable sadness at the loss of a beloved member of our family."

The actor had a long film and stage career before landing his heavy stature and big grin to play a depressed mafioso in "The Sopranos," the celebrated series that ran from 1999 to 2007.

ANSA said Gandolfini's first wife, Marcy Wudarski -- Michael's mother -- was on her way to Rome.

The burly actor is also survived by his wife, Deborah Lin, whom he married in 2008 and their nine-month old daughter, according to the Los Angeles Times.

Organisers of the Taormina festival said they

were "deeply saddened" to learn of the death of Gandolfini and were planning a special tribute to him.

"Sopranos" creator David Chase called Gandolfini a genius.

"Anyone who saw him even in the smallest of his performances knows that," he said. "He is one of the greatest actors of this or any time. A great deal of that genius resided in those sad eyes."

Gandolfini was born on September 18, 1961. His parents were Italian immigrants -- his father was a bricklayer, and later a high school custodian, while his mother worked in a cafeteria.

His parents insisted that he go to college, and after some initial resistance Gandolfini graduated with a degree in communications from Rutgers University in 1983.

The future Tony Soprano began acting in the New York theatre, making his Broadway debut in the 1992 revival of "A Streetcar Named Desire" with Jessica Lange and Alec Baldwin.

His breakthrough role came as a hitman in Tony Scott's 1993 "True Romance," which he followed with "She's So Lovely" (1997), "8MM" (1999), "The Mexican" (2001), "The Man Who Wasn't There" (2001) and "In the Loop" (2009).

Last year, Gandolfini played former CIA director Leon Panetta in the Oscar-winning Osama bin Laden manhunt movie "Zero Dark Thirty," while his last big-screen movie was "The Incredibles Burt Wonderstone".

Mariel Hemingway sees no glamor in addiction

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US actress turned wellness guru Mariel Hemingway, whose illustrious family has been deeply scarred by suicide, appealed to Hollywood on Thursday not to glamorize addiction.

"I think there is a responsibility in Hollywood to not glamorize addictions and other things that are causes of problems," the 51-year-old star of Woody Allen's 1979 rom-com "Manhattan" told reporters in Washington.

She was in the US capital for the screening of "Running from Crazy," director Barbara Kopple's documentary about the Hemingway family's struggle with substance abuse, mental illness and suicide, at the AFI Docs festival.

Seven members of the Hemingway family have taken their own lives, most famously novelist Ernest Hemingway and model Margaux Hemingway, who was Mariel Hemingway's sister.

"Yes, I think there was a (family) curse," said Hemingway, a mother of two who lives outside San Francisco, teaches yoga and writes books about holistic living.

"But I honestly believe that by making this film, and because of how I live my life, I don't feel I have a curse anymore," she said.

She disagreed with those who suggest that mental illness is genetic, saying: "You have to look at all the factors."

"Everybody that committed suicide in my family, at least, were addicts. They were trying to self-medicate with drugs and alcohol. All these things are very complicated," she told AFP.

"That's why I chose to live a lifestyle that I know supports my balance and well-being."

According to the Centers for Disease Control data, the number of suicides among Americans aged 35 to 64 -- a segment that includes many baby boomers -- has risen 28 percent in the last decade.

In 2010 the number of suicides (38,364) overtook the number of traffic fatalities (33,687).

Kelly Posner, founder of the Center for Suicide Risk Assessment, said 90 percent of those who die by suicide had an underlying mental illness, most often depression.

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"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course,

the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 8 a.m., patrons can now order 2

eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$4.49, or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, with free refills on fresh coffee. A new plate called the "Home Run" comes with 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, 2 pancakes, toast, home fries, with complimentary, unlimited coffee for only \$9.99! Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie, so this is another treat you have to try.

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watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

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Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they feel secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by



the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community

of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facil-

ties such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the

least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

Visit their website: www.goldcoastaruba.com for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.



Football? Japan must learn from Confed exit - media, Brazil advance

TOKYO (AFP) - Japan's narrow 4-3 Confederations Cup defeat to Italy is a lesson the Blue Samurai should use to toughen up before next year's World Cup, the country's media said Thursday.

The Asian champions, bouncing back from a lopsided 3-0 loss to Brazil in the weekend opener, led 2-0 and flirted with the hope of a shock win over the four-time world champions.

Italy substitute Sebastian Giovinco struck the winner four minutes from time that knocked Japan out of the tournament of continental champions.

"Four days after the disastrous defeat in the Brazil match, Japan launched attacks with restored 'courage' against Italy and then fell," the major newspaper Mainichi Shimbun said in its evening edition Thursday, hours after the narrow defeat.

"Japan need to take advantage of this experience at the World Cup finals," it added.

"Japan looked quite different from four days ago. They stood out with an aggressive attitude," the mass-circulation Yomiuri Shimbun said.

"It was a game that gave Japan much-needed experience ahead of the World Cup one year from now."



"If we led 3-0 or 4-0 in the first half, we could have won," said Manchester United midfielder Shinji Kagawa, who was named the man of the match for scoring Japan's second goal with a swivelling half-volley.

"We could not finish our chances. On the other hand, Italy scored on all their chances," Kagawa told Japanese media.

"If you don't win, it means nothing. Even if you attempt more shots, it doesn't leave you with anything unless you win

in the end."

Italy struck back to lead 3-2 but Shinji Okazaki levelled with a thumping header on 69 minutes. Japan then squandered chances when Okazaki hit the post and Kagawa headed the rebound onto the bar.

"We showed what Japan can do tonight," said Japan's Italian coach, Alberto Zaccheroni. "I thought our performance reached a lot of people. But when you play as well as we did, you expect a different result."

The result saw Japan eliminated along with Mexico, while Brazil and Italy will now face each other Saturday in Salvador in the final pool match to determine who qualifies as group winners - the runners-up will likely face world champions Spain.



CLAIREFONTAINE-en-YVELINES (AFP) : French women's national football team defender Ophelie Meilleroux (R) controls the ball during a training session on June 20, 2013 in Clairefontaine-en-Yvelines, outside Paris, ahead of the July 10 to 28 European Championship in Sweden.

| | FIFA Confed. Cup | GF | GA | PTS |
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| Group A | | | | |
| Brazil | 5 | 0 | 6 | |
| Italy | 2 | 1 | 3 | |
| Mexico | 1 | 4 | 0 | |
| Japan | 0 | 3 | 0 | |
| Group B | | | | |
| Nigeria | 6 | 1 | 3 | |
| Spain | 12 | 1 | 6 | |
| Uruguay | 1 | 2 | 0 | |
| Tahiti | 1 | 16 | 0 | |



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Athletics: Injured Jeter out of US championships



DES MOINES (AFP) - Carmelita Jeter, the reigning women's 100m world champion, won't compete at the US athletics championships as she nurses a right thigh injury but will still be eligible to defend her title.

Jeter, who won the world title in Daegu, South Korea, in 2011 and took silver in the 100m at last year's London Olympics, hasn't run since she pulled up late in finishing third at the Shanghai Diamond League meeting on May 18.

Because she is injured, Jeter will still be eligible to use her wild card as reigning champion at the World Championships in Moscow, even without competing at the US trials, a USA Track and Field

spokesperson said.

Jeter owns a personal best of 10.64sec in the 100m, making her the second-fastest woman in history behind Florence Griffith-Joyner, who set the world record of 10.49 in 1988.

At last year's London Olympics, she also claimed a 200m bronze and gold as she anchored the world record-breaking US 4x100m relay.

The women's 100m at the US championships, selection meeting for the World Championships in Moscow August 10-18, lost another big name before Thursday's heats as Allyson Felix withdrew, apparently opting to focus her attention on regaining her 200m world title in Moscow.

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Boxing: Malignaggi faces unbeaten Broner in battle of champs, while Aussie Bika seeks world super middleweight title

NEW YORK (AFP) - Home-town hero Paulie Malignaggi defends his World Boxing Association welterweight title against unbeaten US compatriot Adrien Broner on Saturday in a showdown of rival champions.

Broner, the reigning World Boxing Council lightweight champion and a former world super featherweight champion, steps up two weight divisions to fight Malignaggi before his loyal supporters at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn.

"I'm going to dominate him, punish him and make him quit on his stool," Malignaggi



boasted. "We're ready. Come get it. There's not much more you can say to that. The harder he tries, the more ass whoopin' he's going to get."

Malignaggi, 32-4 with seven knockouts, makes the second defense of the title he took from previously unbeaten Ukraine fighter Vyacheslav Senchenko with a ninth-round stoppage last year in his rival's homeland.

Malignaggi, a former light welterweight world champion as well, made his first title defense last October by taking a narrow 12-round split decision in Brooklyn over Mexico's Pablo Cesar Cano.

Broner, 26-0 with 22 knockouts, took the WBC lightweight title last November with an eighth-round stoppage of Mexican southpaw Antonio DeMarco and defended it last February when Welshman Gavin Rees retired in the fifth round.

But Broner, 23, has never been past 10 rounds in a fight and has been past eight rounds only once. Malignaggi, 32, has been 12 rounds seven times, but only once in the past three years.

Broner's knockout power, however, might explain his lack of long triumphs.

"His power is overrated," Malignaggi said. "I could have knocked out 20 garbage men

or laundromat workers too, but I chose to fight real opponents in my career."

Broner says he is prepared for whatever Malignaggi has for him, even the legs and stamina to carry the fight to lengths he has never been before.

And jumping two weight divisions higher will not diminish his punching power, Broner promised.

"I'm really not worrying about jumping weight classes," Broner said. "For me the weight is not a problem. I'm originally a welterweight anyway. I just had to lose weight so I really didn't have to do anything different."

While, Cameroon-born Australian Sakio Bika tries to claim his first major world title Saturday when he faces unbeaten Mexican Marco Antonio Periban for the vacant World Boxing Council super middleweight crown.

The 34-year-old Aussie, nicknamed "The Scorpion", carries a record of 31-5 with two drawn and 21 knockouts into the bout with Periban, who is 20-0 with 13 knockouts, for the vacant title.

Bika knew little about his rival, six years his junior, before the bout was made.

"He's big with a good record, so I had to check him

out," Bika said. "I will fight anybody. I always like to fight a new opponent. I will take him on and show the world I'm the best."

Periban says his superior speed will be a deciding factor.

"I've been training for two and a half months and it was my hardest training camp ever, so I'm definitely ready," he said. "Movement is the main

clarified that the Bika-Periban winner would take the vacant crown.

It will be the first world title fight for Periban while Bika has stumbled in prior global championship bouts.

Bika's first world title fight was a 2006 technical draw with Markus Beyer for the WBC super middleweight throne that was stopped after



Sakio "The Scorpion" Bika on the left

key for me along with my jab and fighting at a distance. I feel I'm faster than he is."

The WBC stripped the title from Andre Ward earlier this year, saying the unbeaten American had not fought a mandatory challenger within the required time frame nor provided evidence to support his claim of a shoulder injury that had required surgery.

The governing body de-

four rounds due to a cut under the German's right eye from an accidental headbutt.

Later the same year, Bika lost a unanimous decision to Welshman Joe Calzaghe for the International Boxing Federation super middleweight crown.

In 2010, Bika lost a unanimous decision to Ward for the World Boxing Association version of the title.



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Confed. Cup: Spain romp to record 10-0 win over Tahiti - break FIFA record



Spain's forward Fernando Torres (C in red) scores

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - Spain broke the record for the biggest margin of victory at the final phase of a FIFA tournament by crushing minnows 10-0 Tahiti at the Confederations Cup in Rio de Janeiro yesterday.

Fernando Torres scored four times and David Villa claimed a hat-trick for the world and European champions at Rio de Janeiro's hallowed Maracana, with David Silva adding a brace and Juan Mata also finding the net.

No team had previously won by 10 goals at an international FIFA event, with Hungary (9-0 against South Korea at the 1954 World Cup, 10-1 against El Salvador at the 1982 World Cup) and Yugoslavia (9-0 against Zaire at the 1974 World Cup) the co-holders of the previous record.

Tahiti, who sit 138th in the FIFA rankings, equalled their heaviest defeat -- a 10-0 demolition by New Zealand in 2004 -- but Spain fell short of matching their 13-0 annihilation of Bulgaria in a 1933 friendly.

Spain will be assured of a place in the semi-finals if Nigeria avoid defeat against Uruguay in Salvador later in Group B. The same outcome would also end Tahiti's mathematical chance of reaching the last four.

Spain coach Vicente del Bosque made no less than 10

changes to his starting line-up, with only centre-back Sergio Ramos keeping his place in the team from the 2-1 win over Uruguay.

Tahiti's players presented their opponents with necklaces and pendants prior to kick-off, but the pleasantries did not last long, as Torres beat goalkeeper Mickael Roche at his near post to give Spain a fifth-minute lead.

Roche was drafted into the Tahiti team in place of Xavier Samin, who shipped six goals against Nigeria, and the newcomer momentarily looked set to play the hero, saving at Torres' feet and repelling Santi Cazorla's half-volley.

His resistance did not last long, however, as Spain ran in three goals in the 14 minutes before half-time to banish any hopes of a shock result.

Silva found the bottom-left corner from Villa's pass in the 31st minute, with Torres dinking the ball over the advancing Roche and rolling home before Villa got on the score-sheet from Silva's low cross.

Tahiti surprisingly enjoyed 37 percent of possession in the first half, but Del Bosque added another attacking player at half-time in Jesus Navas and Villa soon made it 5-0 from a low Nacho Monreal cross.

Torres completed his hat-trick

in the 57th minute, side-footing home from Navas' cut-back, before Villa matched his strike partner by tapping in after Roche allowed a long pass to squirm through his grasp.

Mata drove in Spain's eighth shortly afterwards, and although Torres then put a penalty against the crossbar, he quickly atoned by rounding Roche to roll in his fourth goal.

Navas teed up his new Manchester City team-mate Silva for the record-breaking 10th goal in the 89th minute, by which time Spain's celebrations had become rather sheepish.

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